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Raising cash for 'Movember'

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Hundreds queue to see Olly Murs

HUNDREDS of screaming fans were in the Right Place, Right Time on Monday to see X Factor star Olly Murs.

The singer, currently top of the official charts with his single Trouble Maker, appeared at HMV in thecentre:mk.

He spent two hours meeting 400 of his adoring fans (and their parents), having photographs taken with them, and signing copies of his new album Right Place Right Time.

Those who met the Essex-born musician, who was second on the talent show in 2009 and now presents its Xtra Factor sister show, queued at 7am to get wristbands for the appearance.

See more pictures online at www.mk-news.co.uk

Accidental bigamist is forgiven by wives

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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A MAN made a 'foolish' mistake when he married his third wife without realising he was not divorced from his second partner, a court heard last Wednesday.

Simon Brown, 40, of Kingshill Drive in Deanshanger, married Tracey Johnson in August of this year having split with his wife of six years, Bonita Woodward, in July 2011.

Days after they wed at Bletchley Register Office, Ms Woodward found out and alerted the police.

Milton Keynes Magistrates heard that Brown had previously been married to Susan Brussell but this marriage was dissolved.

Brown's solicitor, David Gough, of PS Law Solicitors, said that Brown was 'naive' when it came to understanding divorce because his first wife had taken control of proceedings when their marriage collapsed.

Mr Gough said: "He is very sorry for what he's done. He's very fortunate that both women have forgiven him."

Brown and Ms Johnson wed in front of family and friends, including children from his second marriage. His 'marriage' to Ms Johnson is now void although the couple are together.

Mr Gough said bigamy is rare and usually done for financial or immigration reasons. In this case there was nothing for Brown, manager of a city courier company, to gain.

Prior to the wedding, Brown presented documentation proving that both his and Ms Johnson's first marriages were legally void but it did not emerge that he was not actually divorced from his second wife.

Magistrate chairman Jim Lynch added: "We are not convinced this was a deliberate deception but we are convinced that it was very foolish."

Brown pleaded guilty to bigamy and was given a 12 month conditional discharge.

Man arrested in city over PC murder

A MAN has been arrested in Milton Keynes as part of the investigation into the murder of a Northern Ireland police officer last year.

The 22-year-old, from Omagh in Northern Ireland, was held at the request of detectives investigating the death of Constable Ronan Kerr.

The arrest took place on Monday evening by officers from the North West Counter Terrorism Unit at the request of the Police Service Northern Ireland (PSNI) Serious Crime Branch.

The suspect has been taken to a police station for questioning and police enquiries are continuing.

A PSNI spokesman said: "A number of searches carried out in Omagh and Cumbria have been completed. A number of items have been seized for examination."

Items include a lorry which was stopped in Milton Keynes.

Constable Kerr, aged 25, was killed when a booby-trap bomb exploded under his car in Omagh, on April 2 last year, as he left his apartment to go to work.

He was a Catholic new recruit to the PSNI and had recently completed his training when he was killed.

He was the second officer to have been murdered by paramilitaries since the formation of the PSNI in 2001.

Responsibility for the attack was later claimed by dissident republicans claiming the mantle of the Provisional IRA and separate from other dissident republican groups.

A second arrest was also made following the most recent searches. A 39-year-old man from Omagh has been arrested under the Terrorism Act and taken to a police station in Northern Ireland.

Independent Chair – Milton Keynes Development Partnership

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

Milton Keynes Council is recruiting an **Independent Chair** for the new Milton Keynes Development Partnership (MKDP), a limited liability partnership owned by the Council.

The MKDP will facilitate Milton Keynes' continued growth and economic success by promoting appropriate development of land assets, being transferred to the Council from the Homes and Communities Agency.

The role of the MKDP, led by the Chair, will be to take a commercial and entrepreneurial approach in reaching deals with third party developers and investors, whilst ensuring full community and stakeholder engagement in the preparation of development briefs for the sites in question.

The Chair will need to have a very strong mix of private sector experience and credibility, in delivering high profile, profitable development and regeneration projects, as well as a sound understanding of the public sector.

The position will carry an appropriate allowance.

For further details please contact June Allen, Tel: 01908 254844 or e-mail june.allen@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Applications by letter should be sent to MKDP Chair, June Allen, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ. Closing date: 12 noon Wednesday 12 December 2012.

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Red Bull staff to get bonus after title win

Winning return: The Red Bull drivers celebrate with staff at the Tilbrook factory after a successful F1 season

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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EVERY member of the Red Bull team 'from the post man to the technical director' will be getting a bonus for their F1 success.

Yesterday the Formula 1 team's principal Christian Horner said all of the company's staff, based at Tilbrook, would be getting the pay boost after winning the F1 constructors' title. Sebastian Vettel also sealed the drivers' championship on Sunday

The bonus was revealed before a huge celebration at the factory, where members of staff mingled with both Vettel and fellow driver Mark Webber to congratulate each other on a job well done.

Mr Horner said of the team: "They've always worked hard, but this year has been by far our toughest challenge.

"The personal sacrifice that is made by everyone, being away from home, family and friends, particularly here in Milton Keynes, has been remarkable.

"The reason we are so successful is because of the support of the team, the desire, and the way we work as one unit.

"There's so many heroic stories of people going beyond what they are asked to deliver. What you see on a Sunday is a very small per centage of what happens in a Grand Prix team.

"They get a bonus for winning the constructors' championship.

"Everyone from the post man to the technical director will receive a bonus.

"It would be cheaper for us to finish second, but it's fantastic that everyone in the company is rewarded as one team."

Three-time world champion Vettel and teammate Webber were also both full of praise for the Milton Keynes support.

Vettel said: "There are more people than what you just see on the track, such as the catering team making sure we have enough energy, and those people play a great part in our success."

Webber added: "When you have success like this you really think about the hard work that the whole team puts in."

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St John's visit

A CITY MP has visited the St John Ambulance training centre in Greenleys to try to raise the profile of the work the organisation does. Mark Lancaster, MP for Milton Keynes North, met with cadets during their training in revival techniques.

Olympic support

OLYMPIAN Greg Rutherford has named Bletchley Youth Centre as one of his favourite charities. Greg, who won gold in the long jump at London 2012, grew up in Bletchley and has said he believes such facilities are vital in encouraging youngsters into positive pursuits and pastimes. "Today, clubs and groups like Bletchley are the alternative to playing in the street and we should all support the work that they do," he said.

MK draws a Blanc

WORLD-famous chef Raymond Blanc will be in Milton Keynes tonight (Wed) to celebrate the reopening of his city restaurant.

Help prevent spread of killer tree fungus

PEOPLE are being urged to continue disinfecting their footwear after visiting woodlands outside of the city to prevent the spread of ash dieback disease.

Forestry Commission officers have told The Parks Trust, which looks after most of the green spaces in the city, that they have not yet found any evidence of ash dieback in Milton Keynes.

The spores are produced from June to September and only live for a short time so it is unlikely the fungi will spread from site to site in the winter months.

Unless it is at an advanced stage, or on young trees, the disease is very difficult to spot but if you do see anything suspicious call the Trust on 01908 233600 or e-mail landscape@theparkstust.com.

Woman sexually assaulted in city

WOMEN are being reassured by the police after a 24-year-old was sexually assaulted.

The victim was walking along Fishermead Boulevard shortly after 6pm on Monday when a man grabbed her, forced her against a wall and kissed her, before assaulting her. The victim screamed and the man ran off.

The attacker was about 5ft 7ins, black, approximately 20-years-old and was wearing a black coat.

Inspector Brian Rose said: "We want to assure the community that incidents like this are rare."

Anyone with information should call 101.

'Leaping man': An artist's impression of what the roundabout tribute to Greg Rutherford could look like

Statue plans for medal hero Greg

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A STATUE celebrating Greg Rutherford's Olympic long jump gold medal is being considered for a roundabout on the A421.

At a meeting on Monday November 19, Wavendon Parish Council agreed to seek residents' views on the proposed artwork, to be sited on The Fen Street Roundabout near Magna Park.

The piece, which would be funded from 'planning gain' money from the neighbouring Magna Park development, would be of a 'leaping man'. The jumping statue would itself be placed on a 50 centimetre-high plinth, which would either be 8.31-metres long or consist of two plinths 8.31-metres apart, to represent the distance of Greg's winning jump.

Ward councillor and parish council chairman, David Hopkins, said: "The public art piece would be an iconic landmark at the gateway to Milton Keynes, symbolic of the success of the city and of one its famous sons and representative of the 'can do', winning culture that has come to represent everything that is great about brand MK."

The council said a business has also come forward to offer finance for ongoing maintenance and cleaning, so that there would be no future reliance on public funds.

If the scheme receives public support, the proposal would then need to be considered by Milton Keynes Council and highways officers.

Cllr Hopkins added: "It would of course be highly ironic if a piece commissioned to symbolise the 'can do' attitude of MK were to be scuppered by a 'can't do' response from local public officials."

Wavendon residents will be asked for their comments in the December edition of the Parish Magazine and online at the parish council web site, www.wavendonparishcouncil.co.uk or at www.mkweb.co.uk/wavendon.

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Trio play at Albert Hall

A PIANO trio from Milton Keynes Music Service played in the School Proms at the Royal Albert Hall last week. Organised by Youth Music, the event showcased the best of musical talent from across the UK.

Youth debates

TWO representatives from Milton Keynes joined more than 300 elected members of the Youth Parliament at a national debate in the House of Commons to decide the UK Youth Parliament's priorities for 2013. The debate focused on five issues chosen by more than 250,000 young people.

Ambulance roadshow

CHILDREN have the chance to bandage up their teachers when paramedics and NHS Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group embark on a roadshow to local schools to teach children about the services provided by the NHS.

Man picks up baby in a suspicious incident

A TALL man with black shoulder-length hair, a ring in his nose and a stud in his bottom lip is wanted by police after he approached a mother and picked up her 20-month-old son.

The incident happened at about 1.40pm last Monday on a redway, running parallel to the M1 in Newport Pagnell.

The man picked up the child and held him, but his mother challenged him and took back her child.

The man is described as white, in his mid 40s, 6ft, of chubby build, scruffy looking and was drinking a can of beer.

Anyone with information should call 101.

Award for business woman

A MILTON Keynes business woman has been awarded a prestigious accolade.

Ann Limb, chairman of the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership, was given the Mary Lou Carrington Award at a ceremony in London on Friday.

The award recognises women who have played a significant role in business and education.

Dr Limb was named this year's recipient because of the significant role she plays in education, business, and the voluntary and charitable sector, including work with the Helena Kennedy Foundation and Milton Keynes Women and Work.

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Playing 'politics' with Europe is dangerous

SIR – The two Tory parties, the UK Independence Party and the Conservatives led by David Cameron, are playing politics to see who can be the most anti European Union (EU).

This raises real dangers for our Country and for a city like Milton Keynes with its strong European focus.

Nationally, 47% of our exports go to Europe, and 50% of direct investment in the UK comes from EU countries. Thousands of jobs in our city rely on our relationship with the EU.

The British Government is in serious danger of withdrawing from a positive relationship with Europe and for short term electoral gains may push the country into withdrawal.

This will change the fundamental nature of the EU. We need strong Europe-wide relationships so we can compete with the emerging economies and powers.

Milton Keynes needs European investment, good jobs, good companies and good pay.

That is why we need to work together to reject the Tory future of poor security in the workplace, low paid jobs and worse terms and conditions for workers and in particular, women.

I think it is time that progressive business and progressive residents of Milton Keynes started to shout a bit louder for an effective role for Britain in Europe.

Business and workers in the city of Milton Keynes really need a strong relationship with Europe because, at the end of the day, it is our jobs and business that will go when we are no longer seen as serious players.

Councillor Nigel Long
MK Labour Grp Deputy Leader

We don't always need change to go forward

SIR – I would like to respond to your front page article 'Battle looming over plans for Primark store' (MK NEWS, November 21).

I feel very strongly about the proposed Primark store planned for CMK.

The market is a huge part of the MK shopping experience and to move the traders is, in my view, crazy!

The change to the road network by closing the Secklow Gate Bridge will have a detrimental effect on the city traffic.

The closure after the market fire was very inconvenient and anyone who says otherwise obviously didn't have to drive into the city daily. Yes, we all managed, but we knew that it was only a temporary measure.

Why does CMK need Primark at all? There is a large Primark opening at the MK1 centre before Christmas?

Surely one store will be enough? I fully understand the benefits of increased employment for MK.

And if we have to have a Primark store in CMK, why not site them in the food centre, which has always been a bit of a white elephant!

Once Waitrose move out, it will leave a huge vacant space. Let's use the area we have.

Change is not always necessary to move forward. Use what we have got!

Janice Barnfather
Milton Keynes

Do we really need another Primark?

SIR – I was staggered by Mr. Weymouth's comments ('Battle looming over plans for Primark store, MK NEWS, November 21) attempting to justify Primark's move to the shopping centre.

He mentions the 3300 petition cards to be submitted – I recall a recent letter in which a shopper advised he had been approached but gave negative comments regarding Primark being in the shopping centre.

Strangely, his comments were not recorded – I wonder why?

He also says that some of the shops being lost are repeat stores. With Primark opening soon at stadium.mk, it seems to me Mr Weymouth is quite content to knock down a bridge, possibly condemn the market to a slow death and knock down a few repeat stores to build... a repeat store.

Brian Hayden
Oldbrook

More views on the new Primark

You can find more comments on www.mk-news.co.uk

I'm all for it. MK is built around a grid system so I cannot really see the issue of traffic. There are far better ways to cross the city. The Centre needs to stay with the times to keep people using it. Also, I use the market now and that won't stop wherever it is.

Dan Simpson

The bridge should not be knocked down. Primark can be located where Waitrose is at the moment, after they have moved out. At least the food centre will still have footfall, whereas if Waitrose disappears and nothing replaces it, what will happen to the food centre. Another point that seems to have not been mentioned is that because of this bridge, all lorries for deliveries do so with access to the centre from the bridge and don't get in the way of shoppers.

Helen

What precedent does demolishing part of our road system for a retail unit set? Were people asked about Primark told there's one about to open at Stadium MK?

Wesley Williams

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

Remembering all the things I haven't done

I THOUGHT I'd done everything there is to do in Milton Keynes. But then, as I drove over the Bow Brickhill level crossing (pictured), I realised I'd never travelled on the Bletchley to Bedford railway line!

Granted, it's not the most exciting thing in the world, but it got me thinking about all the other things I haven't done in MK even though I've lived here for over 30 years.

I've never been "skydiving" at the Xscape. It looks thrilling, but I've never made the effort to go.

The same is true of Aerial Extreme at Willen Lake. The super-sized climbing experience looks like it would be a real adrenalin rush, with the reassurance of knowing that you're safely tethered at all times. Staying at Willen there's WakeMK, a slightly wetter afternoon out and without a wet-suit, perhaps something to consider in the summer months!

I've never seen the MK Dons play at thestadium:mk.

I enjoy going for the occasional curry – but I've never been to the Jaipur restaurant by the railway station in CMK. With its distinctive styling, it is supposedly the largest purpose-built Indian restaurant in the world (outside of India, I'm guessing).

For a slightly slower pace, I'm yet to visit the Milton Keynes Museum near Stacey Bushes. I've heard it is a fascinating afternoon, packed with treasures from a time before the New City was born!

Milton Keynes is more than just a shopping centre, with plenty to do if you have the time, inclination – and money.

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Drivers urged to avoid flood risks

Deluge: Flood waters threaten homes in Newport Pagnell after days of torrential rain across the area

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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HEAVY rainfall has caused parts of Milton Keynes to become submerged in water.

And as the bad weather continues the emergency services and Milton Keynes Council are advising residents not to take unnecessary chances when travelling.

A number of roads have been closed in the past five days and emergency measures were put into practice at the weekend following localised flooding.

Jason Thelwell, assistant chief fire officer from the Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "We are disappointed that some drivers have shown a complete disregard for their own safety and that of others.

"Emergency services will always attend incidents where there is a risk to life. However, we are urging everyone to obey the warning signs which have been put in place for their own safety."

On Sunday, just before 7am, firefighters rescued four men from two cars stuck in floodwater on the road between Haversham and Hanslope Park.

The men were rescued by the Water Safety Unit from Newport Pagnell and appliances and crews from Great Holm and Broughton.

The council is also warning that extra care will be needed in formerly flooded areas with temperatures expected to drop.

Andy Dickinson, highways network coordinator at the council, said: "Excessive rain has washed away some of the built-up layers of gritting salt.

"Overnight temperatures are expected to drop in Milton Keynes. We are well prepared for this eventuality with additional gritting planned and a gritter on standby but, as salt levels are being built up, we ask drivers to take particular care and to exercise caution, especially in rural areas."

For updates and advice visit www.mk-news.co.uk.

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Charity yogathon

A CITY fitness studio is celebrating its second birthday with a yoga-style marathon. A non-stop routine at the Whitespace Studio in Stony Stratford is taking place on Saturday from 2.30pm, raising money for the Touch of Pink Appeal and Reach Out Plus. For more information about taking part visit www.whitespacestudio.co.uk.

Santa dash

HUNDREDS of Santas will be dashing through the city on Sunday when the annual British Heart Foundation Santa jog makes its way around Willen Lake. Registration for the 4k run starts at 10am at the lake. For more information visit www.bhf.org.uk.

SOS NHS campaign

ON SATURDAY the Milton Keynes Against The Cuts group held a 'defend the NHS' campaign event in CMK to protest against NHS privatisation.

Police launch hunt for Furzton Lake flasher

A MAN exposed himself at Furzton Lake last Thursday.

At about noon a 32-year-old woman was walking her dog around the lake when she noticed a man standing near to the star monument. As she approached, the man walked away from her but looked back to the victim three times.

Moments later the woman looked back and saw that the man had his trousers down and was acting inappropriately.

The man is in his late 20s or early 30s. He is white with an athletic build, around 5ft 11ins, blonde hair and a chubby face.

Anyone with information should call 101.

Theatre's spreading Xmas joy

A THEATRE company in Milton Keynes is spreading Christmas joy throughout the city.

The Diamond Theatre Company, which is based in Newport Pagnell, has been performing at a number of events in the city including the Xscape Christmas lights switch on.

Diamond Theatre School's principal Paula Diamond said: "It's a very busy but fun time for the school in the run up to Christmas.

"We support an awful lot of events at this time of year and still have 12 more performances, which include Olney's Dickens of a Christmas."

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Charity work is getting hairy

THINGS have been getting very hairy indeed at Thackerays in Midsummer Place Shopping Centre in November – or more correctly 'Movember'.

The clothes store has been showing its support for the moustache-growing charity during 'Movember' and have already raised around £300 at their Milton Keynes shop.

From November 1, the men of Thackerays have been cultivating their top lips while mannequins have been given their own funky facial hair, to support the movement which raises awareness of testicular and prostate cancer.

Store Manager Muz Murad said: "We're pleased to get behind such a worthy cause and want to say thanks to all our customers that have helped us raise the money. The team and I have had fun growing out moustaches but are also looking forward to shaving them off at the end of the month."

Donations can be made in store or at mobro.co/thackerays.

All signs point to a long-lost love

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A SECURITY guard desperately trying to find a long-lost sweetheart has been placing roadside notices right across Milton Keynes.

Lewis Harvey, from Bradville, has placed 20 of the seemingly cryptic signs, which read 'Marie Nichols contact Lewis Harvey' with an email address, in various locations across the city.

It is a last-ditch attempt by the 33-year-old to find Miss Nichols, who he lost touch with three years ago and now does not know where to find her, as he never got the chance to tell her how he felt about her.

Miss Nichols was dating Mr Harvey's best friend at the time they met so he did not feel it appropriate to confide in her then, and although Mr Harvey is now married he says his wife is aware of what is happening.

He said: "Back then it was a gradual thing – the more we saw each other the more we liked each other.

"I could tell she was crazy about me.

"My wife knows I want to contact this lady, and we will see what happens.

"I want her to know the truth even if she doesn't want to be together."

The last time Mr Harvey spoke to Miss Nichols she was living in Westcroft, and he has made a number of attempts to track her down again.

This includes searching the phone book, the internet, and social networking sites.

He has also visited her last two addresses, but so far he has had no luck.

"The signs are a last-ditch attempt," he added. "I've placed 20 in strategic locations.

"If she gets in touch I will tell her the truth, that I did like her and still do like her."

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Watch taken in robbery

A JOGGER had his watch taken by a man with a knife. The robbery took place at around 11.20pm last Tuesday at the Saxon Street underpass between Wolverton and Marlborough Street. The victim was made to sit down on a plinth while the offender took his watch. The offender ran off immediately after the incident. Anyone with information should call 101.

H&M opens at MK1

ANOTHER store at the new MK1 Shopping Park is opening its doors. High street fashion retailer H&M launches at the site tomorrow at 11am. To celebrate, gift cards will be given to the first 100 shoppers.

Get yourself snapped with Santa

PREPARATIONS are well under way in West Bletchley as residents and visitors are welcomed back to the Festival of Christmas at Bletchley Park.

At this year's event, running from December 8-9, visitors will have the opportunity to have their magical moment with Father Christmas captured in a picture, printed and mounted for just £5.00.

For those with a head for heights there will be the Rock Climbing Wall and the ever popular skate rink to glide around.

This year's event is set to be the biggest yet and demand for the free entry vouchers has been huge.

Fun day in aid of centre plan

PLANS are afoot for a new community building in Shenley Brook End.

The Shenley Christian Fellowship has already successfully applied to the Milton Keynes Community Foundation for a 1.3-acre plot of land adjacent to Shenley Brook End School.

The goal is to develop a church-run youth and community centre.

A Christmas Family Fun event is being held on Saturday to raise money for the proposed building, on land adjacent to the school between 2.30pm and 6.30pm

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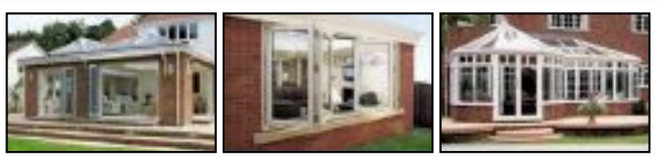

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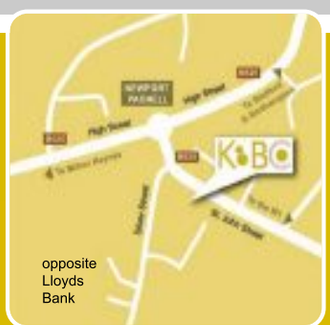

Clegg hails Milton Keynes a success

BY ANNA MAUREMOOOTOO
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Success: Nick Clegg says the country can learn from Milton Keynes

DEPUTY Prime Minister Nick Clegg hailed Milton Keynes as a 'success story' in a speech calling for a new wave of garden cities and suburbs.

Speaking to the National House-Building Council last Thursday the Lib Dem leader said the Government will unlock some of the barriers blocking a number of major housing projects that have hit a wall, including the Fairfield housing development in Milton Keynes.

He said: "Stevenage, Peterborough, Milton Keynes. These places didn't spring up of their own accord. People made them happen, through imagination, ambition, leadership.

"More people now commute into Milton Keynes than out of it: it's economically independent and still growing strong. We need to learn from the success stories."

Mr Clegg said that 100,000 fewer houses are being built than are needed each year as a result of under-building for decades – a problem exacerbated by the credit crunch.

According to Clegg there hasn't been a single new development of more than 13,500 homes in this country since the 1970s.

He said: "I can announce that the Coalition has identified major housing projects that have hit a wall – and we are intervening directly to unblock them."

This includes Fairfield in the west of Milton Keynes.

Clegg argued that garden cities and suburbs for the 21st Century is the preferred option to 'haphazard urban sprawl' which he claimed was a sure way to damage the countryside.

"We can cram ever more people into existing settlements, concreting over gardens and parks – or we can build places people want to live," he added.

He urged people to 'think big' and said: "We can rise to this challenge, but only if we see the opportunity.

"This isn't just about bricks and mortar, it's about giving British families the homes they need, giving children new communities to grow up in."

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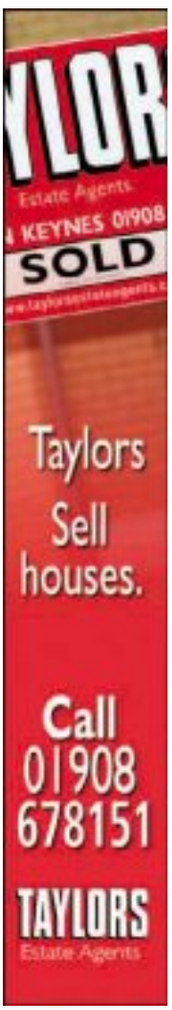

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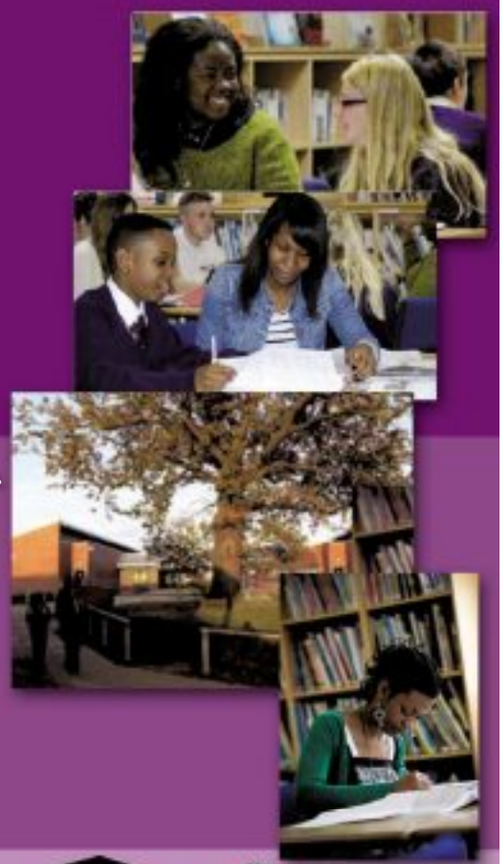

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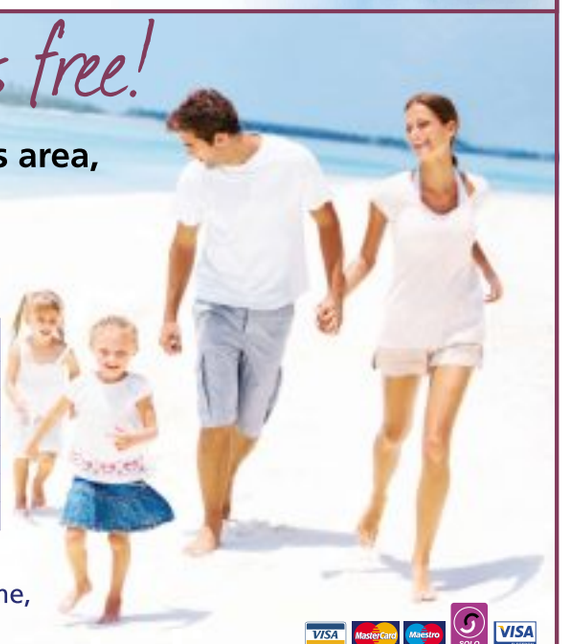

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Cinema venue for Christmas carols

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A NEW church that doesn't have a permanent premises will be holding its Christmas carol service in a cinema.

Start-up Anglican church St Mark's MK has started giving away hundreds of tickets to its carol service which this year will be held at Cineworld in Xscape, CMK.

The event, which will be held on Tuesday December 18, is called Glow MK and promises to be a great evening of everyone's favourite old Christmas carols, along with a live band, and all in the comfort of a cinema.

Reverend Paul Oxley said: "What better way to kick off Christmas than belting out some festive tunes in the comfort of the cinema?

"We have a fantastic band which will be playing live and people from across the city are involved."

St Mark's, which was founded in August, is according to Paul 'a church for people who don't normally go to church or think of themselves as religious... we don't think of ourselves as religious either'.

Glow: Rev Paul Oxley, who is organising a carol service at Cineworld

On the evening, as well as carols, readings and fun, a collection will be taken to support the work of two local charities, Toybox, which helps Central American street children, and MK-ACT which helps victims of domestic violence.

"We are all hard-pressed for cash at the moment," said Paul. "But we want to remember that Christmas really is about giving and making sure everyone is taken care of.

"This is why we are supporting these two great charities."

The evening will also include the telling of the Christmas story, and the audience will be given glow sticks to light up the event – hence the name Glow MK.

The doors for the event open at 7pm, with the service starting at 7.15pm. If you would like to claim your free tickets, click on www.glowmk.com.

Fore more details on Christmas events happening around the city in December, see MK LIFE, page 35.

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Kids get wedding lesson in church

CHILDREN got a glimpse of what it's like to get married when they took part in a mock wedding service at their village church.

The Learning Ladybirds from years 1 and 2 at Stoke Goldington CE First School re-enacted a Christian wedding service taken by their parish vicar, known affectionately to the children as Reverend Janet.

The service, which was attended by 17 children, was put on to teach pupils about wedding celebrations.

Amelie King, Ruby Letts, Georgia Pitkethly and Lottie Howkins

Opposition questions council budget plans

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OPPOSITION parties at Milton Keynes Council will challenge controversial budget plans which include increases to both council tax and rents.

As revealed last week by MK NEWS, the Tories are proposing to increase council tax by 1.92 per cent – around £22 per year for an average Band D property, but which would boost the council coffers by £1.6million.

There is also a plan to increase council house rents by an average of around £3.26 per week.

Labour opposition councillor Nigel Long has questioned whether decision makers have 'thought through' how the council raises its money, and whether it has a big enough income base.

He said: "A lot of our services are privatised or outsourced, so a lot of that money goes out of the city."

He added that his group will be applying a number of tests to the Conservative proposals, and challenging them on any points that fall short.

Lib Dem leader Douglas McCall has said he will be questioning why the Tories have chosen to turn down a Government grant for freezing council tax.

When announcing the plans council leader Andrew Geary said: "Milton Keynes will continue to have one of the lowest council tax levels in the area. Raising it is a really difficult choice but 1.95 per cent is below the rate of inflation and we have not had an increase for three years. Faced with significantly reduced Government funding now and into the future we believe it is the right thing to do."

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Feel Good Friday starts health kick

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AN INITIATIVE to tackle an 11-year gap in life expectancy between different areas of Milton Keynes was launched at a big health event on Friday.

Feel Good Friday at stadiummk marked the beginning of Milton Keynes Council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the overall aims of which are to create a more healthy city.

As well as reducing poverty, early deaths and tackling major diseases, the strategy also aims to reduce an 11-year life expectancy gap between Milton Keynes' most affluent and most disadvantaged areas.

Among a host of objectives and intended actions, the strategy specifically aims to reduce childhood obesity and the number of people who smoke, increase the availability of good quality affordable housing and improve employment opportunities by teaching people new skills.

And to mark the launch the Feel Good Friday event went off with a bang, with hundreds of people including school children turning up to find out what there is in Milton Keynes to help them have a healthier lifestyle.

Healthy voices: Loughton School Choir perform at Feel Good Friday

A host of exhibition stands including MK Play Association, MK Mind and Change4Life were accompanied by a taster Zumba session, walking football, boccia and Nordic walking demonstrations and a fashion show in aid of the MK NEWS-supported Touch of Pink appeal, to raise cash for a new breast cancer x-ray machine at MK Hospital.

There was also a wall of pledges where people signed their name along with what they promise to do to become more healthy.

Launching the event, mayor Catriona Morris pledged to walk at least a mile every day. She said: "I do a lot of standing, sitting and eating, so now I'm going to try to walk a mile a day. I think the dog will be happier as well."

More than 100 members of the Loughton School Choir also performed a range of rock and pop classics on the day.

To view the strategy see www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/health-wellbeing.

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MK Hospital appoints new chief executive

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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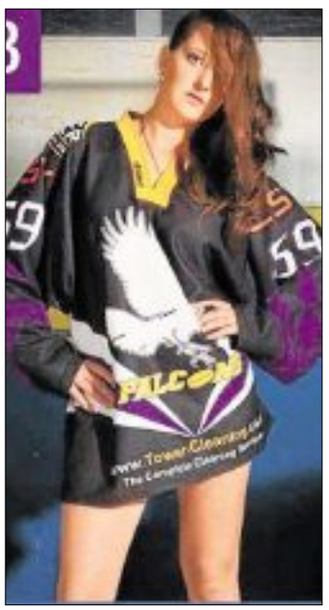
A PERMANENT chief executive has been appointed at Milton Keynes Hospital.

Joe Harrison will be moving from Bedford Hospital, which has close links with Milton Keynes, where he has been chief executive since February 2011.

He said: "I am delighted to be joining Milton Keynes Hospital. I look forward to building on the hospital's improvements, securing its financial position and ensuring quality care continues to be provided to the people of Milton Keynes and the surrounding areas."

Before his time at Bedford Hospital, he held several senior management roles for London hospitals, including Barts and the London, North West London, University College London and the North Middlesex University Hospital Trust. He is particularly known for his work improving patient services and performance.

Mr Harrison will be replacing interim chief executive Mark Millar who has agreed to stay at Milton Keynes Hospital until a decision regarding Mr Harrison's start date has been made.



Braving it: Falcons' girl Kirsty Krater in the calendar to raise funds for the team

Falcons display a new strip

THE girls of the MK Falcons ice hockey team have come up with a daring way to raise money for their club – stripping down for a calendar.

Players shed their inhibitions to pose for the camera and now they need you to go out and buy the result.

Forward Natalie Bullen told MK NEWS: "One of the girls had the idea and we were not sure if we could get it done in time.

"Some of the players were a little nervous!"

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Opened: Ethine-May Earl and Emily King cut the ribbon at M&S

New M&S store opens at stadium

AROUND 200 people queued for the opening of the city's new Marks and Spencer store.

At 10am on Thursday the 44,000-square-feet store opened at MK1, the stadiummk retail park, to a huge fanfare. Eager shoppers had queued from around 9.15am to get a glimpse.

The ribbon was cut by shop manager Emily King, as well as company employee of 29 years, Ethine-May Earl from Bletchley.

Ms Earl said: "It was a great honour to help open the store."

Experts fail to crack mystery pigeon code

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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INTELLIGENCE agency GCHQ has admitted it cannot crack the mysterious code carried by a Second World War messenger pigeon found dead in a chimney.

GCHQ's experts have said they are now satisfied that the message, which was being carried by a pigeon believed to be headed for Bletchley Park, cannot be decoded without access to the original cryptographic material.

The GCHQ codebreakers were set the intriguing challenge following the discovery of a carrier pigeon skeleton by David Martin in the chimney of his house in Bletchingley, Surrey.

The message, hand-written on a small sheet of paper headed 'Pigeon Service', was found in a small red canister still attached to the pigeon's leg bone.

Unfortunately much of the vital information that would indicate the context of the message is missing. It is undated, and the meaning of the destination, given as 'X02', is unknown.

Also, while the sender's signature appears to say Sjt W Stot, nothing is known of him.

Senders would often have specialist codebooks in which each code group of four or five letters had a meaning relevant to a specific operation. For added security the code groups could then themselves be encrypted using, for example, a one-time pad.

GCHQ experts believe the Bletchingley message, which had 27 five-letter code groups, is consistent with this method. This means without the relevant codebooks and details of any encryption used, it will remain impossible to decrypt.

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Boxes: Construction will now start at Center Parcs Woburn

Center Parcs village construction begins

THE beginning of construction of the new Woburn Forest Center Parcs holiday village was marked with the hanging of specially-designed bird boxes.

Two boxes were handcrafted by local carpenter James Archer, while Center Parcs chief executive Martin Dalby, a keen amateur carpenter, created his own unique box. Two of the boxes fitted to trees in Woburn Forest are designed to resemble the buildings that will feature at the village when it opens in spring 2014.

'Boost' for MK's rural broadband

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A £530MILLION scheme to bring broadband to rural areas has been hailed as a 'boost' for Milton Keynes.

The Government has pledged to get everyone onto speeds of at least 2Mbps by 2015.

As part of this promise it proposed a £530million plan to help rural roll outs of broadband, with councils also footing some of the bill as well as providers chosen to lay networks in individual areas.

The initiative was given the green light by the EU last week.

This move by European politicians was welcomed by Milton Keynes Liberal Democrat councillor Jenni Ferrans, who believes this could be big news for some of the city's outlying areas.

Cllr Ferrans said: "Superfast broadband is crucial to build a strong economy, where everyone has the opportunity to make a success of their business. This will give a real boost to our many small firms and people working from home in rural areas.

"It is also very important that these isolated areas can access the many Government and commercial services online. They are the people who benefit most from this – and at present many of them can't access the services because their internet lines are too slow.

"I will be working hard with the Government and the MK Broadband Stakeholder group to ensure we deliver broadband as soon as possible to as many areas as possible."

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Striking photographs to celebrate survivors

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO
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A TOUCHING series of photographs telling the stories of eight people who have been affected by breast cancer are being displayed in the city.

Milton Keynes Hospital's Touch of Pink: Close Up features stunning work by Milton Keynes-based photographers Wendy Grant and Elizabeth Beston and celebrates breast cancer survivors through the experiences of one man and seven women.

This unique event will help to raise funds for the MK NEWS-backed Touch of Pink Appeal which launched in April this year. The appeal aims to enhance the service offered to people needing breast surgery by funding a digital x-ray machine for the hospital's breast unit.

Fundraising Manager Vanessa Holmes said: "We're all really excited because it's taking us back to why we're raising funds in the first place – to help people affected by breast cancer.

"The generous people of Milton Keynes are coming up trumps again – with ticket sales flying and lots of donations for raffle and auction items, we're hoping to raise a considerable amount for our appeal with the event."

Powerful pictures: One of the photos which features in the hospital's Close Up exhibition that is raising funds for the Touch of Pink Appeal

The hospital is working in partnership with Healthcare Charity: MK, MK Arts for Health, the Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre and Wates Construction to host the exhibition.

Director for MK Arts for Health, Sharon Paulger, said: "The photographs created for the project are very striking and powerful. They provide a complement to the stories with a real insight into how people cope with a diagnosis of cancer and the different places they each found comfort."

The evening, which also features a drinks reception, live music, disco, raffle and auction, takes place on November 30 at the Cruck Barn in Bradwell Abbey. It starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £20 and are available by calling 01908 826690 or email fundraising@mkhospital.nhs.uk.

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DONS v AFC NEWS SPECIAL

Get behind the Dons

BY DAN PALMER
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BACK the boys! That's the rallying call from Dons chairman Pete Winkelman and the Mayor of Milton Keynes ahead of Sunday's historic FA Cup game.

MK Dons clash with AFC Wimbledon for the first time this weekend and there is set to be a bumper crowd at stadiummk for the history-making match.

There has never been as much buzz about a sporting occasion in the city's history.

Lining up: Fans queue for tickets

By Tuesday ticket sales exceeded 12,000 and AFC Wimbledon have asked for their full allocation of 3,200, despite suggestions that their fans could boycott the FA Cup second round contest.

A neutral zone, established for supporters who don't have local postcodes, has attracted 350 fans so far.

No tickets will be available on the day of the game, which kicks off at 12.30pm and will be shown live on ITV.

The controversial background regarding Wimbledon's move to Milton Keynes has created a lot of animosity, but Dons hope that people will not be put off coming to watch.

They hope that as many people as possible will fill the stadium for what they want to promote as a 'celebration of football'.

"I certainly would love it if the game captured the imagination of people in Milton Keynes," Dons chairman Pete Winkelman said. "I would love to have as many people in the stadium as possible.

"Some people who haven't got that football history might be nervous about this, and think that there's maybe too much controversy around it and that they wouldn't enjoy it as much as others, so I think it's our job and the job of all the staff here to make sure that we put on the safest, best organised, friendliest game that there's been in football.

"Come to Milton Keynes as we've got a great stadium and it'll be a great game. You'll really enjoy it."

Mr Winkelman would in particular like to see young supporters at the stadium after prices for U18s were cut to £1.

"A lot of oldies have all come from somewhere else, but the kids are from Milton Keynes and this is their club and this is their stadium," Mr Winkelman said.

"I know from going to the schools and talking to them just how proud they are."

Mayor of Milton Keynes Councillor Catriona Morris, a dedicated supporter of the club, is backing the Dons.

"As a regular and keen supporter of the MK Dons, I wish them every success against AFC Wimbledon," she said.

"This game has been a long time coming and now it's finally here, so let's all get behind our team!"

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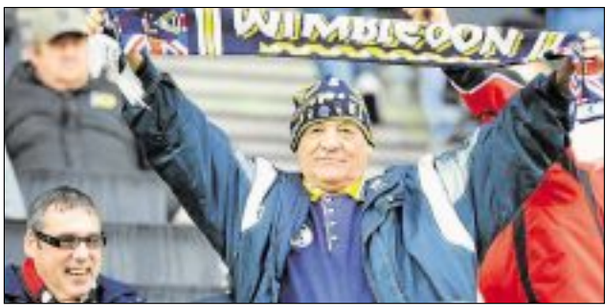

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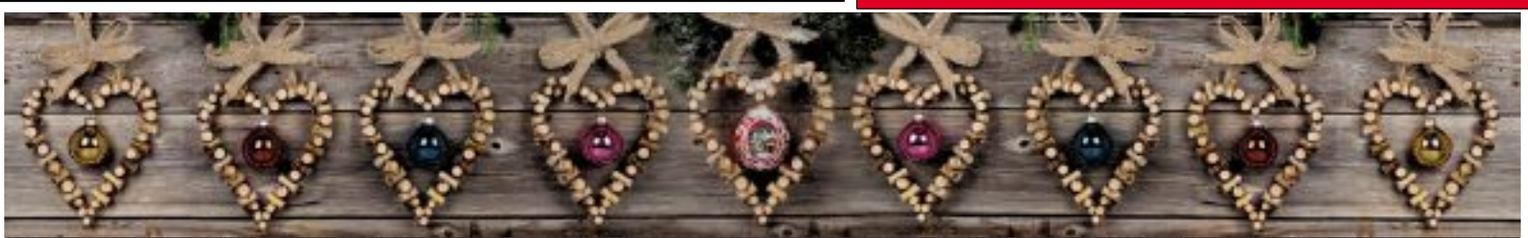

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Supporting the skip: An MK Dons fan with a Lewington scarf

Dean's ready to lead out the team

DONS skipper Dean Lewington will lead out the side against AFC Wimbledon on Sunday as the last remaining player who has played in the city from the very start.

The 28-year-old has been around for every kick in Milton Keynes after coming through the youth system at the original Wimbledon.

He's not the only link with the past either as goalkeeping coach Paul Heald and board members Peter Cork and Reg Davis have also made similar journeys.

Police will treat clash as just another game

BY DAN PALMER
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POLICE have confirmed that they will be treating the MK Dons v AFC Wimbledon clash like any other game.

Fears have been raised that the historic first meeting between the two clubs on Sunday could lead to trouble at stadiummk, and Dons chairman Pete Winkelman said that the match would need 'special attention'.

"We are aware of the history between the two teams but we are treating it like any other normal game," Football Intelligence Officer PC Jimmy O'Brien said.

"We advise fans to buy their ticket before the Sunday as they will not be available on the day.

"Get to Milton Keynes in plenty of time and enjoy the day."

Mr Winkelman said that the club did not expect problems.

"We're going to give the game special attention," he said.

"We love our football here in MK, and we love it being a family friendly, inviting and engaging atmosphere.

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Dons fans win FA Cup for the night

BY DAN PALMER
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A FAMILY of Dons supporters had a house guest they will never forget on Sunday night – the FA Cup trophy.

The Corby family from Oxley Park saw the famous cup on display at Midsummer Place on Friday and entered a competition win it for the night.

They were stunned to receive a call on Sunday telling them they had won and they would get their hands on the cup in the build-up to MK Dons' second round showdown with AFC Wimbledon.

Liz and Gary Corby and kids Lewis, 7, and Eve, 5, had security guards outside their home all night to protect the trophy.

Eve has just joined the rest of the family in becoming a season ticket holder at stadiummk so getting up close to the cup was a real thrill.

They even got to appear on Sky Sports as a camera crew arrived to film the trophy in the family's lounge.

Cup winners: The Corby family enjoy their night with the FA Cup

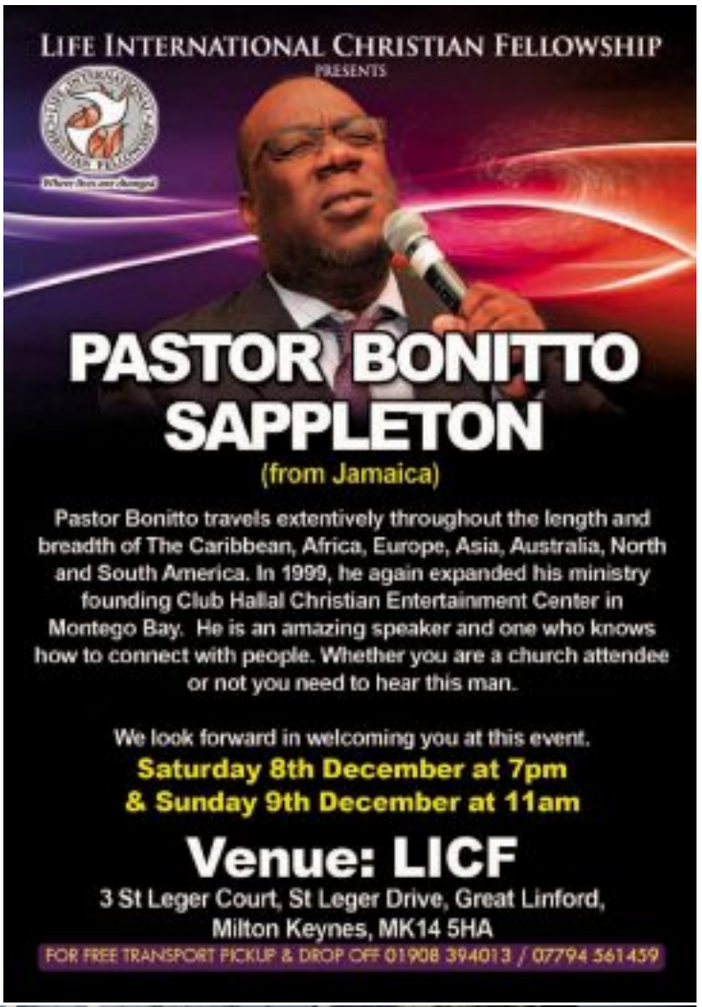
"It was quite surreal," Liz told MK NEWS. "When I was told I didn't understand the man on the phone at first and had to get him to repeat himself.

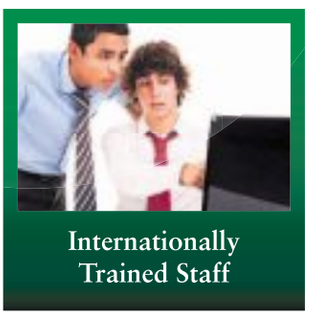
"We took loads of photos with the cup and were texting everybody. It was a great opportunity and the kids were really excited.

"The security guys were called guardians and were really nice, it meant that we had the most protected house in the area."

Gary has been a Dons supporter since they began playing football in Milton Keynes and Lewis is 'football mad'.

The family are attending Sunday's game and surprise, surprise, are predicting a home victory.





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Santa's little helpers: Officers from Great Holm's Green Watch

Firemen answer call at Xmas pool

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A hosepipe measuring 50 metres was used to fill up the 7,350-litre pool in 20 minutes, a job that would usually take centre staff days to complete.

All money raised from this year's Wishing Pool will be donated to Age UK Milton Keynes.

Concern over care of mental health patients

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE city's NHS mental health unit has failed in six key areas following a recent inspection – including staffing levels.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) visited the Campbell Centre in Eaglstone in August and on Wednesday released the report into its findings.

Inspectors found there were not enough qualified, skilled and expereinced staff to meet patients' needs, and were concerned over how involved patients are in discussions about their care.

The inspection also found that patients were not being sufficiently protected from the risks of self harm, absconding, violence and sexual exploitation and that the centre had not taken reasonable steps to identify the possibility of abuse and prevent it from happening.

The report said that patients were not protected from unsafe or unsuitable premises and that there is no effective system to regularly assess the quality of service patients receive or identify, assess and manage risks to the health, safety and welfare of patients.

Cathy Walker, managing director of MK Community Health Services (MKCHS) which runs the centre, said: "We want to assure the people who use our service at the Campbell Centre and the local community, that we have taken the findings of the inspection extremely seriously. MKCHS will now produce a report of actions to submit to the CQC, and immediate action has been taken to address the concerns highlighted."

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MK EDUCATION

Tributes for headteacher

A FORMER headmaster of Leon School, Bruce Abbott, passed away on November 4, aged 71.

Bruce Abbott worked at the Bletchley School, now called Sir Herbert Leon Academy, for 17 years between 1981 and 1998.

He served as a councillor on retirement and had dealings with the Youth Service and many other organisations.

Bruce Abbott was originally from Liverpool but lived in Bletchley throughout his time as a headmaster and during his retirement.

He died, at his home, after a relatively short battle with pancreatic cancer. His wife Jenny was at his bedside.

Roland Hills, a teacher at the academy, said: "Bruce Abbott was simply one of the most inspirational people in my life. A larger than life character whose personality pervaded the whole school. He really cared about people – and particularly the students under his charge."

Paul Salver, a member of the academy's staff, said: "He was passionate about old movies, so funny. Most memorable were his Music Extravaganzas with himself as host, wearing a different costume each year."

Victory: Alex Potten, standing, and Steven Brown, right, of Shenley Brook End School, secured a semi-final place after a heated debate opposing Walton High's motion that British troops should be withdrawn from Afghanistan before 2014

Pupils aim for Westminster final

PULSES were racing as the first round of this year's annual schools debate got off to a lively start.

Pupils from Walton High, Shenley Brook End School, Denbigh School, St Paul's Catholic School and Milton Keynes Academy took part in the Milton Kenyes South heats and debated three tough topics; reform of GCSEs to the English Baccalaureate, withdrawal of British troops in Afghanistan and re-introduction of capital punishment.

The debate was chaired by MP for Milton Keynes South Iain Stewart. He said: "All the schools displayed strong debating skills and I am looking forward to seeing which school will be crowned this year's winner."

Going through to the semi finals are Shenley Brook End School, St Paul's Catholic School and Milton Keynes Academy. The final will be held at Westminster on December 19.

MKEDUCATION BRIEFS

My Money Week

CHILDREN at North Crawley CE School were encouraged to become actively involved with understanding money during 'My Money Week'. All pupils were given the opportunity to join in a family challenge and were given a five pound note in a piggy bank to see how much revenue they could make from it.

Millennium goals

STANTONBURY Campus hosted The Millennium Goals Conference at the beginning of the month. The event was funded by the Economic and Social Research Council as part of the national annual Festival of Social Science. During the event there was a lunchtime display from a variety of educational and development organisations such as Toybox and the Open University.

Author visit

BEST-SELLING author of titles including Shadow Wave, Mad Dogs and The Fall, Robert Muchamore, paid a visit to Milton Keynes students. He gave a talk to 300 Ousedale School pupils in Olney followed by a book signing. He then travelled to the Newport Pagnell campus to talk to 500 students. Every student that attended received a free copy of his book, The Recruit.

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Heritage Craft Workshops

These saturday workshops have been inspired by our on-going Heritage Craft project and offer everyone the chance to have a go at something new.

Spoon Carving with Martin Damen Saturday 19th January, 9am – 5pm (£70)

Willow Fish for Children with Ruth Salter Saturday 2nd February, 2 sessions: 10am – 12noon and 1pm – 3pm (£17)

Willow Basket in a Day with Maggie Smith Saturday 9th February, 10am – 4pm (£55)

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Hunt is on for former MK College students

BY ANNA MAUREMOOTOO

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TO HELP celebrate it's 30th anniversary, Milton Keynes College wants to get in touch with as many former students as possible.

A host of reunion events are in the planning stages and a new Alumni Association has been formed with its own website.

The college is to put on a photographic exhibition of the college through the years and is asking for help to unearth photos from past students and staff.

It is hoped the website will give current students a forum to access the wealth of knowledge and experience accumulated by Milton Keynes College's Alumni over the past thirty years, as well as the opportunity to network, share experiences and reconnect with old friends.

College principal, Dr Julie Mills, said: "We hope people will want to share their experiences and see how the place has changed.

"We know that many former students have achieved great things but there must be thousands of untold stories of what our alumni have done and they could inspire a new generation.

"Current students can learn so much from their predecessors and we hope some of those who make contact would offer mentoring, give talks, provide work experience or just give advice."

To access the Alumni Association visit https://alumni.mkcollege.ac.uk/.

Sixth formers tackle Andes

INTREPID students embarked on a once in a lifetime trip to Peru as part of The World Challenge.

Eleven Denbigh School Sixth Form students trekked through the Andes and helped to redecorate a school during their expedition to Southern Peru.

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Challenge: Students leave the classroom to trek through the Andes

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12 years for MK drugs ringleader

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A DRUGS gang leader from Milton Keynes has been jailed for his part in the large-scale importation of cocaine into the UK.

Mara Kitiri Said, 38, born in Somalia but now from Fife Court, Tattenhoe, was sentenced to 12 years after being identified as the principal organiser of a major drugs ring.

Thames Valley Police's Operation Stage, launched in June 2011, centred on Said, a Somali asylum seeker living in the city.

The investigation identified that Said worked with other gang members in Leicester, who together were recruiting mainly eastern Europeans to travel to Brazil via Portugal.

Said and others would transfer money via Western Union to Brazil for the purchase of the drugs.

The couriers would then travel to Brazil where they would swallow a quantity of cocaine before flying to Portugal.

There the couriers would stay in the same hotel as other gang members.

Put away: Gang leader Mara Said

Members of the crime group would then pass the drugs to other couriers who would then swallow the packages before travelling to the UK.

Four importations of the drug into the country were intercepted by the UK Border Agency following tip-offs from the operation.

Said was one of a group who pleaded guilty and was sentenced at Reading Crown Court on June 29, including two Latvian women, two Latvian men and a Somali man from Leicester.

A second group – a Dutchman, a Latvian and two from Leicester – also pleaded guilty and were sentenced at Isleworth Crown Court on September 18.

The investigation concluded on Thursday, November 15, when a third set of gang members were unanimously found guilty following a ten-day trial of conspiracy to import class A drugs, at Aylesbury Crown Court.

As part of that trial, Amani Ndikumana, a Burundi national, aged 44, from Leicester received 13 years; Antonio Moniz, an Angolan national, aged 46, from Hull received 11 years; and Seif Mohamed, a Kenyan national, aged 38, from Leicester, received 11 years.

In sentencing, Judge Johannah Cutts said that drugs were responsible for causing the misery of addiction amongst members of our communities.

DS David Poole said: "These sentences send out a clear message to those who are involved or may be tempted to become involved in importing drugs into the UK."

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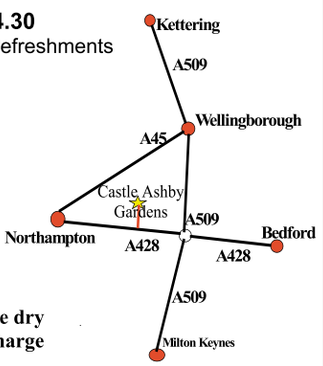

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christmastime

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ST GEORGE'S Christmas Fair and Open Day in Wolverton returns on Saturday, at the church from 11.30am-2.30pm. There'll be stalls, a raffle, tombola, refreshments, face-painting, children's activities and fairtrade goods as well as live music.

FRIENDS of Stony Stratford Health Centre is holding a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday from 10am to 2pm in the Health Centre in Market Square, Stony Stratford.

INTER-ACTION MK's Festive Fair takes place at the charity's premises in Peartree Bride on Saturday, December 16. You will be able to meet Santa and his elves, as well as enjoying arts and crafts, MK All Nations Gospel Choir and lots of festive treats. From 11am-3pm.

SING Carols in the Country Park at Stanton Low in Stantonbury Meadows on Saturday, December 16 at 3pm. The festive event is in aid of the Save St Peter's Church appeal. You will find car parking at Hanson Centre, Wolverton Road. There is also a market and carol singing in the woods on the same day with The Parks Trust, from 2-5pm in the Cathedral of Trees in Newlands.

superheroes

RISE of the Guardians is a new film about an amusing motley crew of superheroes.

The group is like an Avengers Assemble for younger children, as included in the gang are characters such as the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy, and, appropriately for this time of year, Father Christmas.

It's a funny animated film which will be particularly up the street of the little ones.

The story sees the group, including Jack Frost, left, set out to thwart the evil Nightmare King, who hopes to engulf the entire world in an eerie darkness.

Of course, good prevails in the end but there are plenty of thrills and spills to entertain us along the way.

newconsole

THE Wii transformed many lives and now it's time for the birth of its brave new successor.

Yes, the Wii U is out this week and gaming fans are sure to queue in numbers to get their hands on what is this year's must-have piece of kit.

Many will grab one, wrap it up and put it under the tree so it's a Christmas surprise, but let's face it, others just won't be able to wait that long.

As you've probably seen from TV ads, the U features a nifty controller with a built-in touchscreen, which promises to transform gaming in a similar way to the motion sensor of the original Wii.

Release games include New Super Mario Bros and FIFA 13 and there are actually two versions of the Wii U console being released.

There's the basic 8GB device and also a premium, 32GB version.

Either option won't be the cheapest thing in the world but this is gaming in an entirely new way.

hiphop

HIP-HOP band Lazy Habits are coming to The Craufurd Arms.

The East London band are influenced by New Orleans jazz, soul and the big bands of the 50s and describe their sound as 'beats, rhymes and brass of the highest calibre.'

Formed in 2007 the band have notched up shows at legendary venues such as Shepherd's Bush Empire, The Roundhouse and KOKO in London, supporting the likes of Soulwax, The Specials, and Beardyman.

They will be playing at The Craufurd Arms on Saturday December 1 from 10pm.

Tickets cost £5.50p from seetickets.com or £7 on the door.

comedybites

IF you're a fan of the improv comedy show Whose Line Is It Anyway? then you might want to check out the city's very own version on Saturday.

Whose Turn? is brought to us by the Milton Keynes Theatre of Comedy and takes place at Cruck Barn in Bradwell Abbey.

Five performers will take to the stage with no idea how the night will pan out, as most of the themes and subjects will be up to the audience.

There are new games to go along with favourites you may have seen before and as Saturday is the first day in December, this could be a great way of getting into the festive mood.

Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start and tickets are £8 on the night.

puzzlepieces

JOIN Milton Keynes' very own Mr X Stitch (aka Jamie Chalmers) for an evening of stitching with a purpose.

You can take part in Craftivist Collective's Jigsaw Project and create embroidered puzzle pieces with provocative messages in support of Save The Children's Race Against Hunger Campaign.

It's all happening at the MK Gallery's Scratch Night tomorrow evening, with a 6.30pm start.

Craftivist Collective was set up in 2009 with the aim of tackling poverty and injustice through non-violent creative action.

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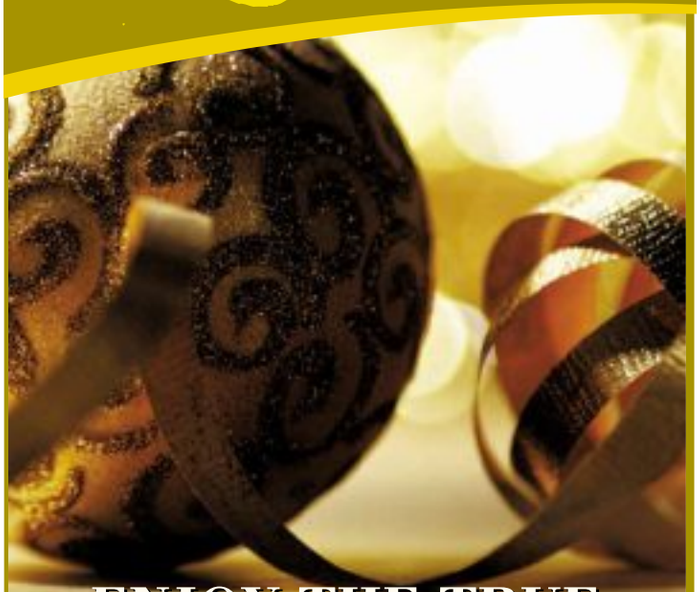

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Send your answer together with your name, address and daytime telephone number, to competitions@mk-news.co.uk or MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU.

All entries must be received by noon on Wednesday, December 5.

The editor's decision is final.

sombersanta

THE award-winning singer songwriter Jane Taylor returns to The Stables to perform a winter musical with a difference – Mr Claus.

Mr Claus is a proverbial story about a down and out Santa who's lost his way in the high-tech 'order on line' modern world.

The musical – which is also set to become a children's book and an animation is part of the Jane Taylor Band's UK tour.

The Jane Taylor Band are at The Stables on December 1 at 8.45pm.

Tickets cost £10 in advance, £12 on the door. They are also available online by visiting www.stables.org.

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

MK life HOT PICKS

showcase

THE GREAT Linford showcase of work by local artists is now on at Artworks MK on Parklands.

The studio's Christmas exhibition brings together works from artists, practitioners, tutors and students.

The exhibition will run until December 22. All works are for sale.

historylessons

A SPECTACULAR World War-themed Christmas craft and food fayre is being held at Webber Independent School on Saturday, from 10am-2pm.

The event at the school in Stantonbury will have more than 20 stalls, crafts to support the Japanese Earthquake Appeal, a Thomas the Tank Engine layout, face-painting and a grotto. But the ultimate showcase will be re-enactments from the World War One Cavalry and talks about the Great War.

turinbrakes

FOLLOWING the release of their album Outbursts, hit band Turin Brakes are appearing at The Stables tomorrow night.

The band will be playing a full set of songs from their ten-year career, as well as one or two new album songs, as part of a series of special one-off shows.

Tickets are £20 from 01908 280800, with the gig starting at 8pm.

santafloat

FOR those who might not be able to go and visit Santa in one of his grottos, he is hitting the road again this year to visit homes around the north of the city.

With his happy helpers at Wolverton and Stony Stratford Rotary Club, Santa will be on his sleigh from Monday to Sunday, December 23, at various locations, raising money for local charities.

For a full list of his itinerary, see www.mk-news.co.uk.

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bigband

THE fabulous James Goff and his Big Band, together with the superb vocalist Jeannie Dee, return to Stantonbury Theatre on Sunday at 7.30pm.

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Get your entries in for MK's biggest performing arts festival

Choirs, orchestras, ensembles, drama groups and soloists of all sorts: singers, dancers, instrumentalists, pianists, poets, prose readers are all eligible to enter the Milton Keynes Festival of the Arts, celebrating it's 45th anniversary in 2013.

You might just be learning to dance, act, sing or play an instrument, or you might be really proficient—either way, and regardless of your age, (except for dancing where you have to be 21 or under), you are welcome to take part providing you are an amateur performer.

We warmly welcome new entrants, particularly local schools, choirs and orchestras, and family and friends are encouraged to come along and be a supportive audience.

There are lots of medals and trophies to be won

The dance, drama and music festival classes are all held at Walton High School, and the Choirs Festival, which takes place on Friday 8 March, is held at the Ridgeway Centre in Wolverton, where school choirs, rock choirs, glee groups and barbershop choruses will all put on a fabuious day of singing and receive trophies, certificates and encouraging feedback from our professional vocal adjudicator Ben Costelloe. Drama producer and teacher David Biddle will be the 2013 drama adjudicator and Birmingham based instrumental tutor and professional clarinettist Luan Shaw will be the instrumental adjudicator, with John Gough giving feedback on all the piano entries. You can check out their CVs on the festival website **ww.miltonkeynesfestival.org**

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You might be wondering how to go about entering the festival, and it is very simple. Go to the festival website **www.miltonkeynesfestival.org** and download a syllabus and entry form, and decide which classes you would like to enter. Then make sure that your entry form is received by us by no later than 21 December 2012. You will be notified in January of the date and time for your performance(s).

If you don't have access to a computer then contact Pat Haig on 01908 504779 for a syllabus and entry form by post.

Each year the festival sees over 2,000 performances by adults and children of all ages and levels of ability so by entering next year's festival you will be in good company. Every entrant receives a certificate and a hand written comments sheet and in addition, there are medals, trophies and prizes awarded. The festival is a fun and encouraging way of showing off your skills and getting comments back to help you improve. There are so many classes to choose from: poetry, Shakespeare, ballet, tap, opera, musical theatre, choirs, piano, brass, woodwind, in fact, something for everyone. And if you don't perform yourself, then you are invited to come and be a spectator.

We look forward to receiving your entry forms and if you have any queries contact festival organiser Pat Haig on 01908 504779 / pat@tscevents.co.uk. All details are on the website: www.miltonkeynesfestival.org

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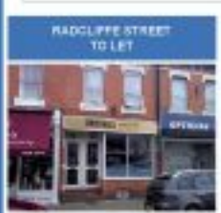

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Closing date: 5pm, Friday 7 December 2012

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Dallow Road
Luton LU1 1LZ
Tel: 01582 616601
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Email: Dallow.primary.admin@luton.gov.uk
Headteacher : Linda Nouch

Dallow Primary School is a welcoming place where both pupils and staff enjoy being. As a school we believe that learning should be exciting and enjoyable.

We are a school in Special Measures but we are making rapid changes that are having a positive impact. We need to appoint inspirational staff who can play a role in transforming our school and making a difference to the lives of our children.

This is an exciting opportunity and we are looking for exceptional candidates to fill the following posts:

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If you wish to discuss any of the above posts please contact **Linda Nouch, Headteacher** on 01582 616601 or email dallow.primary.admin@luton.gov.uk

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.

To apply for these roles, visit **www.luton.gov.uk/jobs** and click on the link to the Teaching and Schools Vacancies.

Closing date for applications is: **Wednesday 12th December 2012**

Interviews planned for: **Week beginning 17th December**

Dallow Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Criminal Records Bureau.

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To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter to Cally Jenkins, Editor, MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, Milton Keynes, MK15 0DU, or email cally.jenkins@mk-news.co.uk by Friday, November 30.

Interviews will be held in Milton Keynes on Tuesday, December 4.

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For further details please visit the careers section of our website (www.pilgrims-school.info) or telephone 01234 369555.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Wednesday, 5th December and interviews will be held on a suitably convenient date after this.

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Headteacher: Michael Manley

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30 Hours per week term time only

The person appointed will help to improve the literacy skills of pupils at St. Paul's. Working with individual pupils or small groups of pupils you will need to have good literacy skills. You need to be cheerful, energetic and encouraging, and enjoy working with young people.

An ability to coach a sport or take a leading role in Music, Drama or another extra-curricular area will be an advantage. You will either have a coaching certificate for a sport and experience in leading other activities. The person appointed will work further hours for extra- curricular activity.

For an application form and further details please contact St Paul's Catholic School on 01908 669735, or visit the schools website www.st-pauls.org.uk. Closing date for applications: Friday 7 December 2012.

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Required for January 2013

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Holiday entitlement must be taken during the school's holiday periods.

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£13,816 - £14,961 per annum **Ref: 40/0650**
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Required for January 2013

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Closing date for both roles:13 December 2013.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.
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Closing date: 14th December 2012

Interviews: 10th January 2013

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We are looking for an individual with excellent organisation and communication skills, with the ability to work independently. Experience of liaison with community groups, business partners or sports clubs would be an advantage.

Key responsibilities:

- Responsible for the organization and smooth running of the Academy facilities during periods of external hire.
- Responsible for identifying and developing external relationships to extend the use of the Academy facilities to meet Academy aims and to generate revenue.
- Responsible for administrative tasks to support the marketing activities of the Academy, including updating the website and other communications media.

SIMs ADMINISTRATOR

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We are seeking an individual with experience of using Microsoft Office and database packages. You will also need experience of producing reports for a variety of audiences, excellent organisation skills, confident presentation skills and the ability to work to strict deadlines. Experience of SIMs would be an advantage.

Key responsibilities:

- Maintenance of the Academy SIMs database, ensuring that the data is accurate and up to date at all times.
- Production of data analysis and reports.
- Set up users and access rights to SIMs.
- Assist with completion of Academy census returns.
- Ensure attendance data is accurately captured onto SIMs.

COMMUNITY DUTY OFFICER

Two Posts, 25 hours per week evenings and weekends. £16,000 to £18,000 per annum pro rata dependent upon experience. Actual salary, £10,810 - £12,162. 52 week contract.

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Key responsibilities:

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Further details about the Academy, a job description, person specification and an application form can be found on our website: **www.bedfordacademy.co.uk**

Closing date for applications for all 3 posts - Monday 3rd December 2012.

Interviews on Thurs 6th and Friday 7th December 2012.

Bedford Academy is committed to safeguarding the welfare of young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. All appointments are subject to enhanced CRB checks and excellent references.

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Further information and application forms are available from North Crawley CE School
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Closing date for applications: Monday 10th December 2012
Interviews: Monday 17th December 2012

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our children.
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REDBORNE UPPER SCHOOL

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Further details for any of the above posts can be found on the Redborne Upper School website (www.redborne.com) or the Stratton Upper School website (www.stratton.beds.sch.uk) as well as the websites of our partner schools. Applications must be made online at the following address and applicants must select either Redborne or Stratton in the school name field.

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If you require further information please contact Jon Gunn at Redborne Upper School or Jane Harper at Stratton Upper School.

All offers of a place are "conditional" until Criminal Record Bureau and qualification checks have been successfully completed, satisfactory references have been received and the professional skills tests passed.Our partnership is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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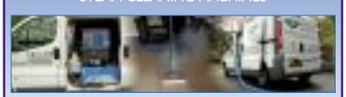

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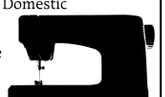

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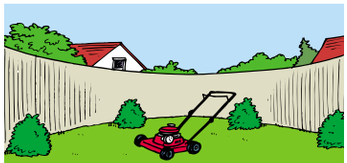

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Milton Keynes Council's Approach to Community Asset Transfer – Next Assets for Transfer

The Council's Community Asset Transfer programme is about giving the community more control over the facilities that they use – such as leisure and community centres, libraries and open spaces. With the first and second tranche events now complete, and with all Stage One applications received and now closed, public meetings for each of the assets in the third tranche have been arranged as below:

Asset Opening for Application	DATE	TIME	MEETING VENUE
Wavendon Gate Pavilion & Sports Ground (Walton)	Mon 4 Feb 2013	18:00 - 19:00	**Wavendon Community Centre, Walton Road, Wavendon MK17 8LW**
Denbigh Hall Sports/Social Club (W. Bletchley)	Weds 6 Feb 2013	18:00 - 19:00	**Denbigh Hall Sports & Social, Melrose Avenue, Bletchley MK3 6PU**
Shenley Brook End Community Centre (Shenley Brook End & T'hoe)	Fri 8 Feb 2013	18:00 - 19:00	**Shenley Brook End Comm. Ctr, Egerton Gate, Shenley Brook End MK5 7HH**
Great Holm Community Centre (Loughton)	Mon 11 Feb 2013	18:00 - 19:00	**Two Mile Ash, High Street, Two Mile Ash MK8 8LH**
Willen Pavilion/Sports Ground (Campbell Park)	Tues 12 Feb 2013	17:45 - 18:45	**Woolstone Comm. Ctr, Mill Lane, Woolstone MK15 0AJ**

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please contact Paul Sanders or Neil Hanley on the details below:

Paul Sanders Asst. Director, Community Facilities Unit Tel: 01908 253639 paul.sanders@milton-keynes.gov.uk	Neil Hanley C.A.T. Programme Manager Tel: 01908 253632 neil.hanley@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
12/02301/FUL	Erection of a single storey side extension at George Farm Bungalow, George Farm Close, Little Brickhill
12/02429/TCA	Notification of intention to crown reduce by 1.5 metres x1 apple tree and crown reduce by 2m x1 liquid amber tree at 5 Wood Street, Woburn Sands
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
12/02361/FUL	Conversion of existing double garage to detached residential annexe and erection of detached garage at Manor Cottage, Leys Road, Loughton
12/02364/FUL	Erection of a two storey front extension at Manor Cottage, Leys Road, Loughton
12/02365/LBC	Erection of a two storey front extension at Manor Cottage, Leys Road, Loughton

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
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12/02261/MKCOD3	Flood alleviation work to include construction of 3 x storage cells across watercourse (Phase 2) at Old Park Farm, Track off Dag Lane, Stoke Goldington
12/02394/FUL	Demolition of existing warehouse and redevelopment of site for car showroom use, (Sui Generis) with ancillary areas, car servicing, repairs, parts distribution, MOT testing, car parking, and pedestrian and vehicular access at 1 To 6 Northfield Drive, Northfield
12/02395/OUT	Outline planning permission for the demolition of existing warehouse structures and redevelopment of plots B and C for car show room purposes (Sui Generis) with ancillary areas, car display, parking, and vehicular and pedestrian access at 1 To 6 Northfield Drive, Northfield
12/02440/MMAM	Minor material amendments to planning permission 11/00251/FUL to change the site application boundary, and changes to elevations and car parking at Leisure Plaza, South Row, Central Milton Keynes

Nick Fenwick, Assistant Director Planning, Economy and Development

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
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12/02452/MKPCR	Reserved Matters Application pursuant to Outline Planning Permission 04/01072/MKPCO for the erection of a distribution building (use class B8) with ancillary offices and plant, formation of parking areas and landscaping, at Land at Fen Farm, North of The A421, Milton Keynes
12/02453/MKPCR	Reserved Matters Application pursuant to Outline Planning Permission 04/01072/MKPCO for detailed landscaping for Phase 1 of the Broughton Brook Linear Park, at Land at Fen Farm, North of The A421, Milton Keynes

Sheila Keene, Head of Strategic Policy and Planning, Homes and Communities Agency

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, WEST BLETCHLEY) (CONSOLIDATION OF PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITION OF LOADING) ORDER 2002) VARIATION ORDER 2012

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- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along both sides of the carriageway in parts of Selwyn Grove.

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28 November 2012
Philip McCourt,
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AFC Wimbledon showdown has extra spice for Lewington

BY DAN PALMER
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LOYAL SERVANT: Dean Lewington is the sole survivor from the team who moved to Milton Keynes
Picture: Andy Handley

THE FA Cup tie against AFC Wimbledon on Sunday will be an iconic fixture but, for me, it is just another game of football.

I'm obviously looking forward to it but only because we are trying to progress in the competition.

For some people the FA Cup has lost its magic but not for me.

Our game is a League One v League Two match so obviously we have a great chance of going through which is the most important thing.

If we did make it we'd be in with the chance of playing a Premier League side, but I'd want to draw a team where we'd have a good chance of getting through.

I want to stay in the competition for as long as we can so we can meet one of the big boys in the final.

We got into the match on the back of an excellent 5-1 victory against Colchester United.

I thought that it started out as quite an even game with few chances, but we managed to go in at the break 2-0 up and that gave everybody a big lift.

In the end I thought that we were in complete control of the game.

The three young loanees who we played gave us a big lift.

Patrick Bamford, who has come in from Chelsea, won us a penalty and had a hand in a couple of goals.

Karl, who used to coach at Liverpool, has a connection with new Chelsea manager Rafa Benitez and after we made the phone call on Thursday morning, which was the loan deadline day, we were able to get the deal wrapped up quite quickly. That was good of Rafa as he must have been busy settling in at Chelsea.

The deal to bring in Zeli Ismail from Wolves was a much tighter one as although the paperwork was all done at our end, there was some admin which still needed to be sorted so it was touch and go, but when he came on he made an impact in the final 15 minutes.

Ibra Sekajja is someone we have had for a week or two but he had to wait patiently for a chance; his appearance against Colchester was his first for the club.

All three of them have given the club a lot more energy and in Patrick and Zeli's case they only trained with us on the Friday before playing on Saturday.

We monitor every player that we try to bring into the club and we are delighted to have the three of them here as they give us a lot more depth..

They have given the whole squad a boost and given the manager a few more options.

People say that you can tell the strength of the squad by looking at the substitutes' bench and on Saturday we had a mixture of experience, with players like Charlie MacDonald and Ryan Lowe, and youth with Zeli and Ibra, so we had a good mixture.

DEAN Lewington says the abuse he received after Wimbledon's relocation to Milton Keynes made him a stronger player.

The Dons skipper is the sole survivor from the squad which made the journey north in 2003 and still vividly remembers the vitriol he was subjected to from people staunchly opposed to the move.

"It was difficult," the full-back said. "It's not something that you want to go through.

"At the time we were all 19-year-old lads who had spent six years in the Wimbledon youth team. To then be called what we were called was a little bit strange."

Lewington, who is the son of England coach Ray Lewington, made the switch to Buckinghamshire along with Jobi McAnuff, Nigel Reo-Coker and Mikele Leigertwood.

"We were Wimbledon kids," Lewington said. "I signed as a youth team player, and it was a strange situation to be in, but you get used to it.

"There's only so many times someone can call you a ginger something. You get used to the abuse and it definitely makes you stronger. It's something I'm glad I went through and compared to some people we got it quite lightly.

"Our fans have taken the brunt of abuse for not doing anything wrong."

Lewington said he grew to thrive on the club's unpopularity and that he has never regretted moving with the club to Milton Keynes.

"You do get an enjoyment out of going to places and winning when people don't want you to," he said.

"I think that's the only way you can deal with it. You fight back or you roll over – that's the only things you can do."

The skipper said the intense media attention surrounding the tie will not have a negative impact on the mental state of the players.

"Now it's been drawn it's reopened old wounds and all of the old arguments have come out again," Lewington said.

"Hopefully when the game is done it can be another line in the sand and a step taken forward."

Midfielder Stephen Gleeson is one player who does not know much about what has gone before and will therefore be unburdened by the past. "I don't know a lot about the history, although I'm sure I will get to know about it," Gleeson said.

"But I can say that every player in the dressing room wants to win. It's a massive game for this club and hopefully we can show the world what we're all about."

Gleeson will no doubt have been picking the brains of Lewington on the acrimonious subplot surrounding the game.

"Some of the boys have been asking about it and you try to tell them as honestly as you can what your opinion on everything is," Lewington said. "The chairman has had a word and outlined his position and background about what happened. I don't think there will be anyone not knowing about it going into the game."

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'Let the animosity go,' says cult hero McLeod

IZALE McLeod admitted there was a "stigma" playing for MK Dons shortly after the team arrived in the city – but he feels the bitter past should now be consigned to history.

The striker, now on the books of Portsmouth, is the all-time leading Dons goalscorer with 60 strikes to his name.

He will be at stadiummk on Sunday for the FA Cup clash with AFC Wimbledon.

McLeod joined Dons in 2004 when the ill-feeling surrounding the relocation of the club and inheriting of their league position was palpable.

"I played when the team had just moved to MK and there was a stigma which wasn't nice," he said.

"People were always labelling us as 'Franchise FC' but these days I think the club is more respected. In 2004 it wasn't taken seriously but it's a great club now.

"MK Dons are an established club and AFC Wimbledon have made it to the Football League. So, to be honest, I think people should let it go."

McLeod, 28, is a firm favourite with the Dons fans and added to his cult status last season by netting for Barnet in a 4-0 away win against AFC, a goal he enthusiastically celebrated in front of the home crowd.

"In the warm-up at AFC Wimbledon I was getting so much stick from their fans, obviously because of my MK Dons connections," McLeod said.

"I scored, so I had to give them some banter back."

That reaction was in stark contrast to his subdued response when he scored against Dons for Portsmouth in this season's 2-2 draw at stadiummk.

"Scoring at stadiummk was a strange emotion and I had to show a little respect," he said.

Dean Lewington, the Dons skipper, needs no reminding of McLeod's qualities.

"Izale is a fantastic player who scored a bucketful of goals here," Lewington said.

With home advantage and playing a league above their opponents, Dons should be favourites to progress to the third round on Sunday. McLeod feels Karl Robinson's in-form Dons will beat Neal Ardley's men.

"I think MK should be too strong for them," he said.

Izale McLeod will be at the game

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HOCKEY

MK Men's first team narrowly missed out on making it three wins in a row as they drew 3-3 at home to mid-table rivals Spencer.

The city side were in front after five minutes when Jamie Dodd converted from a penalty corner, but Spencer levelled the scores.

There was a chance for MK to regain the lead when the visiting keeper took out Toby King, conceding a penalty and earning himself a yellow card. But an outfield player managed to save the flick and Spencer took the lead themselves.

Ali McColl deflected home a pass from Rich Townsend to make it 2-2, and soon after Ben Woodford scored from a pass inside the circle from Brett Holland to put MK in front.

The city side could not hang on though as Spencer converted after a late counter attack to tie the match at 3-3, leaving MK ninth in the South Hockey League Premier Division.

Elsewhere, there was a defeat for the **seconds** who only had Doug Spencer's goal to show for their efforts in a 5-1 reverse against Marlow seconds.

The **thirds** also lost 5-1 to unbeaten league leaders Wallingford and the **fourths** went down 9-2 to Oxford Hawks, Andy Webb with both the MK goals.

MK Samurai beat Reading Rovers 2-1 but the **fifths** lost 9-1 to Eastcote eighths.

There were two games this weekend for the **Ladies' first team**, who first came from 2-0 behind to draw 2-2 with Staines seconds in the league, thanks to goals from Sophie Reynolds and Lou Reynolds.

However, there was not such good news on Sunday when they were knocked out of the England Hockey Investec Women's Trophy after a 2-1 defeat at Shefford and Sandy.

The **seconds** beat Wychwood 2-0 thanks to goals from Mel West and Zoe Carter but the **thirds** were beaten 5-0 by Newbury and Thatcham.

ROUNDERS

THIRTEEN-year-old Amelia Hagan has been selected for the England Under-14 rounders team as a deep fielder.

Amelia, from Olney, started playing the sport in year four at Thornton College.

She is captain of the Thornton team, who enjoyed one of their most successful seasons ever in 2012, and impressed selectors in recent trials.

After beating more than 60 other hopefuls to claim her place in the squad she will now take part in training sessions across the country in preparation for a home nation's tournament next summer.

"When I opened the letter I couldn't take it in," Amelia said.

"I have always wanted to play for England and I am thrilled it's happened now.

Head of PE at Thornton, Tamara Webb, is proud of their pupil's achievements.

"Thornton has always had a strong rounders tradition and we are delighted that Amelia has been selected," she said.

ATHLETICS

THERE were more than 200 finishers of the Wolverton 5k race around Willen Lake on Saturday.

First home was Sri Lankan Olympic athlete Anuradna Cooray, who completed the fast flat course in 25 minutes, 11 seconds, almost 40 seconds clear of the chasing pack.

The race for second was much closer with Herne Hill Harrier Mike Cummings just holding off Bedford and County's Andrew Inskip.

There was success for Milton Keynes Athletic Club too as 27th placed Emily Tallen-Setlack was the first woman home.

The club also picked up victories at the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Cross Country Championships at Maidenhead.

The U17 women's team won the overall title and Owen Seamark triumphed in the male Under-15 category.

FORMULA ONE

Vettel drives into the history books

CHAMPAGNE MOMENT: Sebastian Vettel celebrates winning a third straight title in Brazil.

SEBASTIAN Vettel was quick to pay tribute to the staff at the team's Milton Keynes headquarters after he clinched a third straight drivers' title in Brazil.

The Red Bull Racing star made history by becoming the youngest ever three-time triple champion after a dramatic final race of the season at Interlagos on Sunday. Vettel finished sixth which was enough to fend off the challenge of Fernando Alonso, the only man who could take the championship from him.

The Spaniard came home second in his Ferrari behind race winner Jenson Button, but Vettel won overall by three points.

His success comes just a week after Red Bull, the Tilbrook-based team, retained the constructors' championship.

"It's difficult to imagine what goes through my head now, everyone at Milton Keynes and here at the circuit, they are always pushing so hard and we really stepped up our game in the second half of the season," Vettel said.

"I was crying in the car but my radio wasn't working, so I'm maybe happy for that."

To claim the title at Interlagos, the circuit in the homeland of legend Ayrton Senna, made it all the more sweeter for Vettel.

"To win a third title, especially here where one of my heroes Ayrton Senna was from, it's difficult to put into words," Vettel said.

Vettel was in Milton Keynes yesterday reflecting on a season which yielded just one win in the first 13 races as the pressure of being the defending champion began to mount.

"The hardest thing is to win after you have won, winning after winning," Vettel said. "You get the attention and the pressure.

"When I look back every single point really mattered. Even when we weren't competitive enough to win, it was about scoring points."

Vettel hit form towards the end of the campaign with four straight victories in Singapore, Japan, Korea and India. "It was an unbelievable end to what has been a really incredible season," Red Bull team principal Christian Horner said.

"Sebastian has driven better than ever this season and has fought his way back into this Championship. To have achieved a triple double World Championship is quite phenomenal."

RUGBY UNION

City see off the Drifters

MILTON Keynes claimed an excellent 22-16 away victory over Drifters in the Southern Counties North at the weekend.

The city outfit were expecting a tough contest against a side who have acquitedthemselves well after being promotedthis season – and that proved to be the case as only a converted try separated the teams.

Both sides were tested by cold, wet and windy weather at Drifters' home in Farnham Common, meaning the game was far from a classic.

The away side opened the scoring with a neat move through the backs following some good rucking from the forwards, which culminated in winger Dan Rolfe diving over in the corner for the first try of the day.

Drifters responded with a penalty after City forwards put their hands in the ruck. Errors then began to creep into the game thanks largely to the unpredictable conditions.

The hosts were fortunate to score their first try after the ball was hacked through. Despite the efforts of the MK defence it was a home hand that touched the ball as it crept over the line.

City responded thanks to some fine kicking from Phil Powell who sent four accurate attempts through the posts to give MK a 17-8 lead at half time.

Within five minutes of the start of the second half, Drifters converted a penalty, meaning they were only six points behind. But City were spurred into action and they dominated much of the second half.

A further try soon arrived due to the domination of the pack and Drifters were struggling to contain the Milton Keynes scrums as they conceded a number of penalties near their line.

Eventually, a forward try was scored with Mark Robinson taking the ball over from the base of the scrum.

Drifters were not prepared to give up and they were able to score a further try by the end of the match, but City held out to win and are third in the league ahead of a big home test against table toppers Grove on Saturday.

In the same division, Olney's derby against Buckingham was postponed, while Bletchley drew 6-6 with Witney in the South West 1 East, after penalties from Kev Turnbull and John Kirwan.

ICE HOCKEY

Lightning strikes yet again

THE only thing consistent about MK Lightning right now is their inconsistency after they took one forward step forward and then another back for the third successive weekend.

The city side kept up their fine home form with a 4-2 English Ice Hockey Premier League victory over Sheffield Steeldogs on Saturday but, on Sunday, they slipped to defeat by the same scoreline at Bracknell Bees.

Lightning are eight points adrift of leaders Basingstoke Bison.

They got off to a poor start against Sheffield when Edgar Bebris put the Steeldogs in front, but Blaz Emersic levelled.

Leigh Jamieson struck to put Lightning in front but Sheffield levelled the contest once more with a powerplay goal of their own. It was left to new Czech forward Kamil Tvrdek, pictured, to win it for MK with two further goals, the first a shorthanded strike.

Things started brightly in Bracknell when Great Britain man Jamieson opened the scoring, but Lightning conceded three times in the second period to put themselves up against it.

Adam Carr struck back for MK in the third, but Bracknell scored a fourth into the empty net late on.

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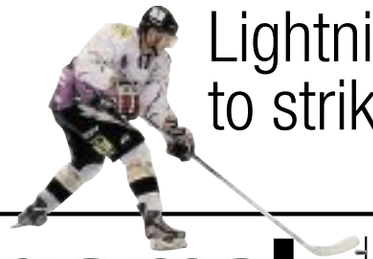

Lightning continues to strike for MK

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'The most unique game'

- Dons manager ready for rivalry
- AFC directors shun hospitality
- Dons hero says it's time to let go

BY DAN PALMER

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KARL Robinson believes the rivalry between MK Dons and AFC Wimbledon is one of the biggest in English football.

The manager will lead the Dons in the historic first meeting between the two clubs on Sunday and is fully aware of the significance of the second round FA Cup tie.

Robinson is relishing the attention the tie at stadiummk is attracting, describing the occasion as being like his "Christmas".

"It is the most unique game in English football," he said. "For us, as League One players and a manager, we don't get this very often.

"There are people loving it and hating it and those who don't care about it, but it's here so you've got to choose what camp you are in. I'm in the one that's excited about it."

AFC Wimbledon are not preparing with the same enthusiasm; their directors have declined hospitality, preferring to sit with the away supporters.

"To be fair, I'd do exactly the same myself," Dons chairman Pete Winkelman said.

"This is the newest rivalry in football, a potentially great rivalry. To have a game like ours is exciting, it's why I would love to do really well."

Robinson said he has grown accustomed to the criticism the club had received since its formation in 2004, two years after breakaway side AFC came into existence.

But he is hopeful that the match, which will be shown live on ITV, will provide an opportunity to showcase the positive side of the club.

"We're used to criticism and there are an awful lot of people who have wanted to knock us," he said.

"But this is one of the biggest rivalries in English football and it's a wonderful chance to come away very positive.

"Football fans have been criticised massively over the past few months for their behaviour and chanting which has been going on and both sets of fans could come out of this game with their heads held high

"Both teams will put 100 per cent effort into the game, if the result is good or bad."

Robinson's team go into the match after a near faultless November; last Tuesday's 2-2 draw at Shrewsbury was the only blemish on a 100 per cent record.

Colchester United were blown away 5-1 on Saturday to leave Dons second in League One.

AFC are struggling at the wrong end of the League Two table and have conceded seven goals in their last two outings.

Neal Ardley's side will go into the match as underdogs but Robinson is expecting the magic of the cup to even things out.

"They haven't won since this draw came out and we haven't lost, but I'm sure the FA Cup will do its best to mix that up," he said.

"It will definitely make it an even keel.

"AFC are very good at picking second balls up and they are very good at being on the front foot.

"They take the game to you and they don't leave anything in the tank. They certainly put everything into it, they are a committed bunch with a very good manager."

PUMPED UP: Karl Robinson, the MK Dons manager, cannot wait for Sunday's FA Cup tie with AFC Wimbledon. Picture: Andy Handley

Ex AFC Wimbledon manager says cup game 'not wanted'

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ONE of AFC Wimbledon's former managers feels the MK Dons "stole their way" into the Football League and believes the only way they can make amends is to forfeit their status and work their way up from the bottom of the game's pyramid.

Dave Anderson said the anger at the way the original club was uprooted, relocated to Buckinghamshire, renamed and yet allowed to retain its League One status was very raw when he became the second manager of the newly-formed AFC Wimbledon in 2004.

Despite leaving the club in 2007, Anderson still has a great affection for AFC and said the decision to allow the Dons to assume their league position is one that still rankles.

"What was allowed to happen was wrong," Anderson said. "A football club was taken away from its people and its league status moved to a different part of the country.

"People who made the decision should be outed.

"No-one came out and said, 'We made a mistake. What we allowed to happen was wrong'.

"Nobody from MK did either. They should have said, 'What we did was wrong, we got away with it and we are going to go back down to Level 5'.

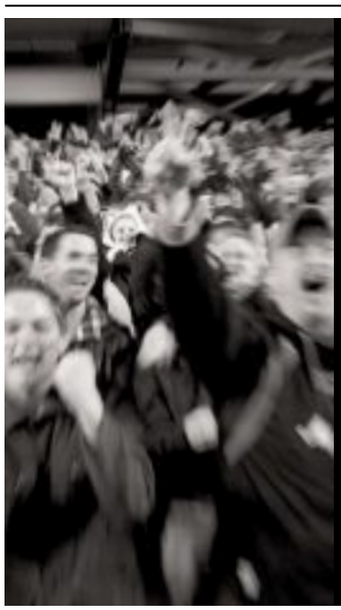
"My feeling won't change until they start again."

Pete Winkelman acknowledges the decision, in hindsight, was wrong.

"I did a deal that was wrong and the owners [of Wimbledon at the time] were wrong. I'm not proud of the way football came to Milton Keynes," he said.

Anderson played down the significance of Sunday's FA Cup game.

"It's not a derby game," he said. "It's not like a Celtic v Rangers or a Tottenham v Arsenal. It's something different and one the AFC supporters do not want. It's a game they won't look forward to."



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